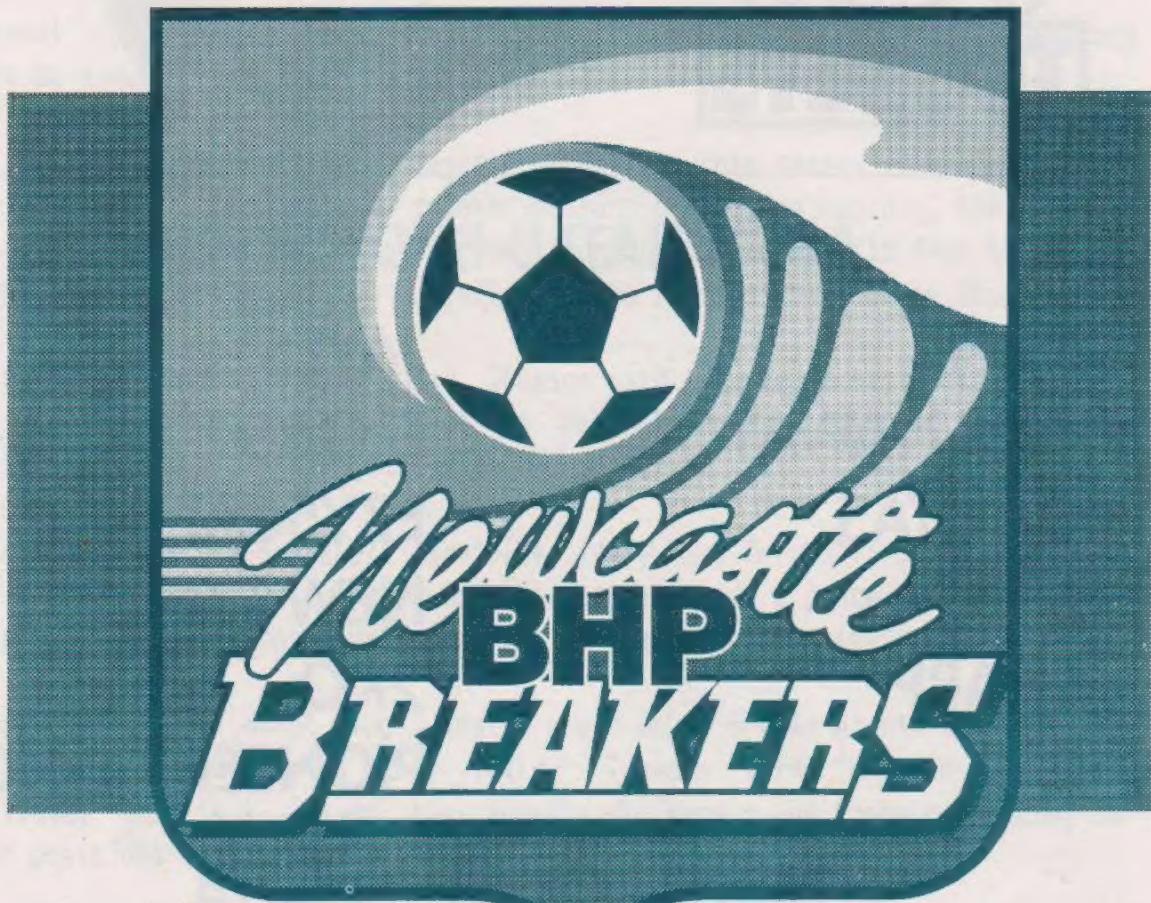


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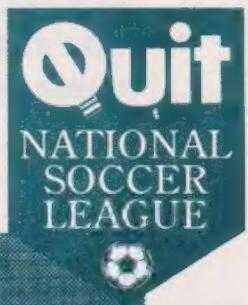
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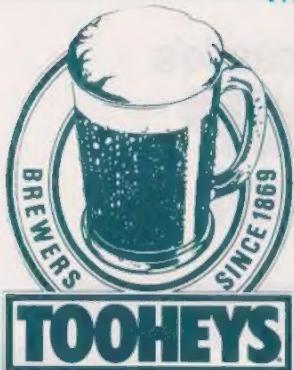
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## MEET OUR GUESTS

In tonight's match against the Newcastle BHP Breakers, and in the three match series against Sweden, no player's position is secure in this highly competitive Socceroo squad.

National Coach Eddie Thomson has made it quite clear that there is no such thing as a guaranteed squad berth.

In a topsy-turvy National League competition this season with many 'stars' failing to deliver and many younger players developing rapidly, the grab for positions will be intense. Those present tonight should benefit from this, with prospective Socceroos pulling out all stops to impress coach Eddie Thomson.

In announcing his 18 player squad, Thomson paid tribute to his regular defence and midfield, and put the onus on the strikers to deliver the goods. A reflection perhaps on the low-scoring NSL season.

Central strikers Steve Maxwell (Adelaide City), Paul Trimboli (South Melbourne) and Warren Spink (Preston) will each be competing for a place in the Coca-Cola Socceroos, following their selection for the three matches against Sweden.

"There isn't any doubt about what I would do if Graham Arnold was back from Belgium and Frank Farina from Italy," Thomson said. "However they aren't available, and that leaves the squad's strikers - and those contending for other positions that are to be settled - to prove what they can do.

"Striking is the toughest job on the field, and strikers the world over have good spells and bad. Right now is the time for the strikers to really show their wares."

Thomson is certain to give leading fringe candidates the chance to succeed in tonight's major promotion at Mitre 10 Stadium.

Key players for the Socceroos include the possible first choice defence of goalkeeper Robert Zabica (Adelaide City), Ned Zelic (Sydney Olympic), Ian Gray (Marconi Fairfield), Andrew Bernal (Sydney Olympic), Alex Tobin (Adelaide City), and Tony Vidmar (Adelaide City). The Breakers have scored in away matches against the two Clubs who make up the bulk of this defence, namely Adelaide City and Sydney Olympic.

(Continued)

Skipper Paul Wade and Mike Petersen, both from South Melbourne are the likely midfield pairing, although against the Breakers in both rounds of the NSL, the South Melbourne midfield were found not to be invincible. Branko Milosevic (Melbourne Croatia) is a strong contender for a place in the Socceroo midfield combination.

There are other players that have caught Thomsen's eye. He continues to rate Ernie Tapai (Adelaide City) highly, and has a word of fatherly advice for the returning Tom McCulloch (Marconi Fairfield).

"I had Tommy as a youngster, and the pleasing thing is that he has become much more consistent this year," he said. "He is not a stop gap choice, and it is up to him to prove that he can again kick along in international company."

Wide left players Jason van Blerk (APIA Leichhardt) and Alistair Edwards (Sydney Olympic) are both under consideration, after broadening their experience in Belgium and Malaysia respectively.

Whilst the Coca-Cola Socceroos are looking ahead to their future World Cup commitments, Sweden have a more immediate target. As hosts of the European Championships in June, their first aim is to use the Australian three match tournament to build up to a high rating in that magnificent series.

"They will be keyed up and playing out of their skins, with places in their European Nations Championship team up for grabs," Thomson said.

With the Socceroos also 'keyed up and playing out of their skins' for a place in the Australian squad, the Newcastle Breakers face a mammoth task tonight.

Although the home crowd tonight will no doubt fully support the fledgling Breakers team, Socceroo Coach Thomson, his experienced assistant Les Scheinflug and players and officials will have the Newcastle sporting public well behind them as they endeavour to scale the heights in the unbelievably competitive world football game.

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**MATCH**

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RESULT

B.H.P. BREAKERS	vs	Parramatta Melita	home
South Melbourne	vs	Marconi	draw
Preston	vs	West Adelaide	away
Sydney Olympic	vs	Brisbane United	home
Wollongong City	vs	Melbourne Croatia	draw
Adelaide City	vs	Heidelberg United	home
Sydney Croatia	vs	Heidelberg United	home

**COCA COLA LEAGUE**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
M'bourne Croatia	18	11	4	3	34	17	26
Sth Melbourne	18	10	3	5	41	19	23
Wollongong City	18	8	6	4	18	10	22
Adelaide City	18	7	8	3	22	14	22
Sydney Olympic	18	8	6	4	24	20	22
Apia Leichhardt	18	6	6	6	19	22	18
P'matta Melita	18	4	9	5	15	15	17
Brisbane United	18	5	7	6	19	24	17
Sydney Croatia	18	5	6	7	17	22	16
Heidelberg	18	5	5	8	19	24	15
West Adelaide	18	5	5	8	17	31	15
Marconi	18	5	4	9	21	23	14
B.H.P. BREAKERS	18	3	7	8	14	25	13
Preston	18	3	6	9	12	26	12

**YOUTH LEAGUE**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
P'matta Melita	17	13	3	1	39	14	29
Sydney Croatia	18	12	4	2	56	16	28
Sydney Olympic	18	14	0	4	46	17	28
Marconi	16	12	2	2	56	17	26
A.I.S. Canberra	13	8	3	2	45	15	19
Apia Leichhardt	18	8	3	7	29	31	19
Wollongong City	17	7	4	6	32	25	18
Olympic Colts	17	6	4	7	23	28	16
N'CLE BREAKERS	18	6	2	10	23	32	14
Croatia Colts	18	4	3	11	24	44	11
Adamstown	16	3	2	11	22	38	8
Highfield Azz	17	3	2	12	20	48	8
St George	18	2	3	13	20	58	7
W'gong Mac'	17	2	3	12	11	63	7

up to and including Apia Leichhardt



**PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

Ian	HEDDLE	49
Andy	ROBERTS	32
Bobby	NAUMOV	25
Andy	KOCZKA	19
Ralph	MAIER	18
Noel	BARKLEY	17
Nick	MEREDITH	16

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2	Ralph	MAIER
3	Ian	HEDDLE
4	Andy	ROBERTS
5	Andy	KOZCKA
6	Craig	MOFFIT
7	Darren	NORTHAM
8	Bobby	NAUMOV
9	John	KOCH
10	Pierre	ESSERS
11	Nick	MEREDITH
12	Brad	MALONEY
13	Darren	HILLIER
	Dean	ADAMSON
	Ben	LANE
	John	RUSSELL

(Capt)

## SOCCEROO'S

Robert	ZABICA
Ian	GRAY
Ned	ZELIC
Alex	TOBIN
Andrew	BERNAL
Tony	VIDMAR
Ernie	TAPIA
Mike	PETERSON
Paul	WADE (Capt)
Alister	EDWARDS
Jason	van BLERK
Milan	IVANOVIC
Tom	McCULLOCH
Warren	SPINK
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Barry Ross

## CHARLESTOWN TOYOTA PLAYER of the YEAR

BRISBANE UNITED	SYDNEY OLYMPIC	W'GONG CITY	PRESTON
Brad Maloney	6	Darren Hillier	6
Dominic Longo	4	John Koch	5
Darren Northam	2	Ian Heddle	4
Andy Kozcka	2	Craig Moffit	2
Mike Gibson	2	Andy Roberts	1
Bobby Naumov	1		
Andy Roberts	1		

Progressive points score on Beat the Editor page.

## HAVE MONEY, WILL SPEND

If only we could secure so generous a supporter as Sydney Olympic. Some \$10,000 short of obtaining the services of one Ned Zelic, Sir Arthur George, one time president of the Australian Soccer Federation, opened his cheque book to bridge the gap.

A similar some would have gone along way to purchasing a striker for the Breakers.

Anyone out there with a few thousand to spare?

You can judge for yourself if the money was well spent by Olympic, Ned should be wearing the Green and Gold tonight.

## ON THE SUBJECT OF MONEY

Further to the story above Sydney Olympic have generated funds for their team for many years by conducting a Miss Sydney Olympic Quest. This year they raised in excess of \$80,000 for the club.

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Next question, is there someone prepared to assist?

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			Name	School	Rep Honours
1	Darren	PONMAN		Glendale High	Bill Turner Cup Newcastle U/13
2	Shyane	BROWN		Glendale High	Bill Turner Cup Northern NSW U/13 NSW U/13 Newcastle U/13 Macquarie U/14
3	Chad	GRIFFITHS		Glendale High	Northern Dist Perth
4	Ryan	SMITH		St Peters Maitland	Bill Turner Cup Newcastle U/13 Northern NSW U/13
5	Craig	WALLWORK		St Marys Gateshead	Bill Turner Cup Mac' Amatuers U/11,12 Northern NSW U/13,14
6	Michael	CHAPMAN		Lambton High	Bill Turner Cup N'cle Amatuers U/12
7	Adam	RUTLEDGE		Toronto High	Bill Turner Cup Newcastle U/13 Macquarie U/14
8	Robbie	TRUE		St Clemente Mayfield	N'cle Amatuers U/11,12,14 Macquarie U/14
9	Lindsay	JAMIESON		Toronto High	Japan Tour Newcastle U/13 Northern NSW U/13
10	Ben	HOODY		Swansea High	Bill Turner Cup Mac' Amatuers U/11,12 Macquarie U/13 Newcastle U/14
11	Mathew	HELENSKI		Broadmeadow High	N'cle Amatuers U/11 Japan Tour U/12
12	Mark	NEVIN		Wallsend High	Bill Turner Cup N'cle Amatuers U/11,12 Japan Tour Newcastle U/14
13	Clayton	ZANE		St Clemente	N'cle Amatuers U/12,14 Japan Tour
14	Arron	IVORY		Glendale High	Newcastle U/11

Coach: Allan Jones

Manager: tba

## WESTON BEARS U/15s

	Name	School	Rep Honours
1	Michael	Kurri Kurri High	Bill Turner Cup
2	Ben	St Peters High	Bill Turner Cup Hunter District U/12
3	Mathew	Kurri Kurri High	Newcastle U/12 Northern Dist U/11 Coalfields U/13
4	Brett	St Peters High	Bill Turner Cup Coalfields U/13
5	Daniel	St Peters High	Hunter District Northern Dist Coalfields U/13 Newcastle U/12
6	Dean	Kurri Kurri High	Lakes U/14 Northern NSW U/14
7	Michael	Kurri Kurri High	Bill Turner Cup Hunter Dist U/11
8	Matthew	Kurri Kurri High	Coalfields U/13 Bill Turner Cup Newcastle U/12
9	Paul	St Peters High	Hunter Dist U/11
10	Matthew	St Peters High	Bill Turner Cup U/11,12,13
11	Mark	Kurri Kurri High	Hunter Dist U/11,12
12	Berrin	Kurri Kurri High	Northern NSW U/12 Newcastle U/13
13	Matthew	Kurri Kurri High	Hunter Dist U/11,12 Bill Turner Cup
14	Wayne	Kurri Kurri High	Alice Springs U/14 N/Territory U/14

Coach: Peter Stanbridge. Manager: Stephen McIntosh.

## CHARLESTOWN TOYOTA PLAYER of the YEAR

Sydney Croatia	Apia Leichhardt
Bobby Naumov	Andy Roberts 8
Darren Hillier	Ian Heddle 4
Darren Northam	Bobby Naumov 3
Ian Heddle	Brad Maloney 2
Andy Roberts	Mike Gibson 1

Progressive points score on Beat the Editor page.

NORTHERN N.S.W. SOCCER FEDERATION  
JUNIOR SUPER LEAGUE.

The formation of a Junior Super League, a competition designed for talented and ambitious players, had been talked about a number of years prior to its inception in 1987.

A planning committee which comprised of Newcastle ASA, Macquarie ASA, Hunter District JSA and three directors of the NNSW Soccer Federation agreed upon a set of rules for a junior super league-in 1986, with the competition to commence the following year.

The purpose of the new competition was to provide an avenue for the development of talented and ambitious young soccer players in the Hunter Valley by providing,

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1989 saw the inclusion of teams from Taree and Port Macquarie, Peter Gunning, Dean McWhirter and Gary Philips were North Coast juniors, it was a natural progression to expand into the northern, giving the soccer hopefuls from the north the opportunity to play against stronger competition.

After four seasons and the chance to evaluate the progress that has been made some minor changes were needed.

With Newcastle Australs playing in N.S.W. State League in 1988/91 many young players had ambitions to play for that club. As Austral became the BREAKERS, in the National League, the problem would have become more critical, so steps were taken to control the gravitation to one club, a situation that would have weakened the Super League base.

In the 1992 season "zoning" will be introduced at under 13 years level, a natural progression in the following four years until all age groups comply. The co-operation of the district associations was necessary before the move could be implemented, their foresight in agreeing to the changes has to be complimented.

Basically players will be required to play in the district they live, this will encourage clubs to develop their own players knowing they will not be "poached" as they begin to show promise.

In the case of the Macquarie Association and the Hunter District Association they will only select boys from their geographic area for their representative teams, they will also be active in monitoring of the each J.S.L. clubs within their boundaries, should any club get into difficulties they can take appropriate action to ensure that the game is put first, even to the extent of requesting that another club should replace the one in difficulty.

The Northern New South Wales Soccer Federation is keen to see the idea of Junior Super League expand further afield, taking the world game to the country areas.

While it is the off season for Junior Super League the two teams you will see playing this evening, Austral vs Weston Bears, is a sample of what you can see every weekend during the winter months.



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